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Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005, please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.